

# SPRING/SUMMER IN THE PARKS – 2015

**CAMPSITES &  
PICNIC SHELTERS**  
**888-3333 or 1-800-203-8322**  
**Newport News Park Campsite Office**  
**Daily, 7:00 a.m.– 9:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES,  
MEETINGS, WEDDINGS,  
or NATURE PROGRAMS**

**886-7912**

**Newport News Park Headquarters**  
**Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

## Your City Parks

Visit our web site at [www.nnparks.com](http://www.nnparks.com) for park information.  
The chart below can also assist you in finding the park that meets your needs.

# Newport News City Parks

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# Parks Division

## Park Programs

The City's parks are open daily sunrise to sunset (unless otherwise posted). Here are just some of the activities awaiting you: Explore the Great Outdoors

### AEROMODEL FLYING FIELD

Radio controllers can “take-off” at the field located off Richneck Road near Ft. Eustis Boulevard. A paved 400-foot runway and 30-acre fly-over area allow spacious clearance for the perfect landing. *Insurance, club dues, and field permit required to use this facility.* For more information visit the club's website at [www.newportnewsrsrc.org](http://www.newportnewsrsrc.org) .  
**ANNUAL PERMIT \$50.00 + club dues**

### ARCHERY

Practice your skills at the Newport News Park Archery Range. Archery Safety Class required prior to using the range. Call 888-3333 for class dates. Range is open sunrise to sunset. Permits sold at the Newport News Park Campsite Office.  
**DAILY PERMIT \$2.00      ANNUAL PERMIT \$30.00**

### BOAT RAMPS

Public boat ramps are located at Denbigh Park (open 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily), Peterson's Yacht Basin (open 24 hours a day) and Huntington Park (open 24 hours a day).



### CAMPING

Reserve one of Newport News Park's wooded campsites for a quiet get-away. Each campsite is equipped with a picnic table and grill. Electric and water hookups are available. Dumping station and camp store are on-site. **Senior Rates Available**  
**NO UTILITIES/night \$31.50 + tax**  
**ELECTRICITY/night \$33.50 + tax**  
**ELECTRIC & WATER/night \$34.00 + tax**  
**GROUPSITE/night \$40.00 + tax**  
**(organized youth groups only)**

### CANOES, PADDLEBOATS & JON BOATS

Rentals are available daily at Newport News Park Campsite Office. Paddles, oars, and personal flotation devices are provided. *You must be at least 16 years of age to rent watercraft*  
**CANOE or JON BOAT RENTAL/hour \$5.00 + tax      PADDLEBOAT RENTAL/hour \$6.00 + tax**

### FISHING

**Saltwater fishing** piers are located at Hilton Pier and King-Lincoln Park (sunrise to sunset daily), the Wave Screen at King-Lincoln Park (7am-10pm), Denbigh Park (sunrise to 10 pm daily), and Monitor-Merrimac Overlook (open 24 hours a day). *Valid VA saltwater fishing license required.*  
**Freshwater fishing** is available sunrise to sunset at Lee Hall and Harwood's Mill Reservoirs. *SHORELINE FISHING requires a Parks Division Shoreline Fishing Permit in addition to the VA freshwater fishing license.*  
**Lee Hall Reservoir** • boat rentals, private launch, and shoreline/pier fishing permits are available weekdays at the Newport News Park Campsite Office and weekends and holidays (May-September) at the Lee Hall Fishing Area Rental building.  
**Harwood's Mill** • Private launch and shoreline fishing permits are available weekdays at the Newport News Park Campsite Office. Concession and rentals available weekends and holidays (May through October) at Harwood's Mill Fishing Area.

**BOAT RENTAL/day, per licensed fisherman \$6.00 + tax**  
**BOAT RENTAL/after 3:00 p.m., per licensed fisherman \$4.00 + tax**  
**MOTOR & BATTERY RENTAL/day \$15.00**  
**PIER FISHING/day, per licensed fisherman \$2.00**  
**PRIVATE LAUNCH, day permit \$5.00**  
**PRIVATE LAUNCH, annual permit \$50.00**  
**Senior Rates Available**



### DISC GOLF COURSE IN NEWPORT NEWS PARK

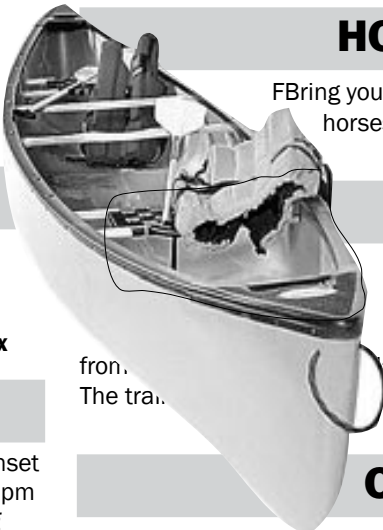
An 18-hole championship disc golf course is located in the Arboretum area of Newport News Park. Course passes and rental discs are available at the Campsite Office.  
**DAILY PASS \$3.00 + tax**  
**SENIORS over 60 & JUNIORS under 12 FREE**  
**SEASON PASS \$30.00 + tax**  
**DISC RENTAL/day \$2.00 + tax**  
**(photo id required)**

### DOG PARK - FIDO FIELD AT RIVERVIEW FARM PARK

A spacious dog park, complete with small and large dog areas, is open to Fido Tag holders! All dogs must be legally licensed and vaccinated – rabies, distemper, parvovirus and bordetella. Proof of vaccination and city/county dog license is required to purchase a Fido Tag. For membership and information call 886-7912.  
**Membership fee per dog \$10 (valid through December 31)**  
**(\$5 for additional dogs with same owner/residence)**

### HIKING, JOGGING, BIKING TRAILS

For the hiking enthusiast, Newport News Park offers over 30 miles of trails through forest, field, and wetlands. Want to go bicycling? Bring your own bike or rent one from the Campsite Office. Newport News Park offers a 5.3-mile bikeway (unpaved, multi-use trail). *Children ages 14 and under are required to wear a helmet when riding or being carried on a bicycle on any street, sidewalk or bikeway. The Parks Division encourages ALL bicyclists to wear a safety helmet.*  
**BICYCLE RENTAL/hour \$3.00 + tax**  
**HELMET RENTAL/hour \$1.00 + tax**



### HORSESHOE COURTS

Bring your own horseshoes and pitch your best on four newly installed horseshoe courts located in Newport News Park.

### MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Three single-track loops (difficulty levels vary) and connecting firetrails create approximately 5 miles of off-road bicycling fun at the Harwood's Mill Mountain Bike Trail (located across from the Harwood's Mill Fishing Facility on Oriana Road in York County). The trail is open daily. Helmets are required for all riders.

### ORIENTEERING COURSE

Test your map and compass skills on our orienteering course. Fifteen control markers are located in Newport News Park. Maps are available at the Newport News Park Campsite Office for \$2 each.



### PICNIC SHELTERS

Picnic facilities are located in parks throughout the city (electricity available at most shelters). Make your reservations at the Newport News Park Campsite Office, Deer Park, or the Parks and Recreation Office at Town Center (3rd floor) or online at [www.nnparks.com/picnic](http://www.nnparks.com/picnic). *Visa and MasterCard are accepted at the Newport News Park Campsite Office*  
**FULL SHELTER/day \$ 35.00**  
**LARGE GROUP SHELTER/day \$100.00**  
**ELECTRICITY/day \$10.00**



# Playgrounds • Activities Services



## PLAYGROUNDS

Newport News has playgrounds in sixteen parks across the City. Larger playgrounds include:

**Fort Fun at Huntington Park** – With over 1,900 square foot of play area, the newly renovated Fort Fun is, again, a destination for families, offering new and exciting opportunities for creative play. Fort Fun is an open view, accessible play structure. Visitors enter a wooded forest that opens into an amazing play zone full of trees, swings, forts, slides and numerous climbing opportunities. Explorers move to the “open waters” where pirate ships await full of interactive play equipment.

**Boundless Playground at Deer Park** – Fun without Limits! The first of its kind in Virginia, this playground is designed so children with developmental sensory or physical disabilities can play and have adventure opportunities like other children. Over 70% of the playground is accessible to children with physical challenges without leaving their support equipment behind.

**Fantasy Farm Playground at Riverview Farm Park** - 30,000 square foot community playground located at the corner of Menchville Road and Riverview Parkway. Concession stand open weekends during summer months.

**Newport News Park** – Four large structure playgrounds are located throughout Newport News Park for your child’s enjoyment.

# Parks Division

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have positions in the areas of campground and fishing area operations, trail maintenance, wildlife rehabilitation, nature center operations and programs, and more. Individuals or groups are welcome. Training and supervision provided. Call our volunteer coordinator today at 886-7912.

The City of Newport News has community garden plots available for Newport News residents. The Community Garden is located in the large open field at 375 Yorktown Road in the Lee Hall area of the City. Plots, 18'x40' in size, are available on a first-come, first-served, basis, but you must apply and pay a \$30 seasonal fee to be a gardener there.



Call 886-7912 for information or to obtain an application.

## ROPES & INITIATIVES COURSE

The Ropes & Initiatives Course, located at Newport News Park, is open to organized groups who are interested in a special challenge. The R&I adventure begins with basic group events called initiative challenges. Activities are designed to enhance communication, leadership and decision-making skills, as well as self-confidence and group dynamics. The adventure continues when these and other basic skills are applied to a progression of more difficult tasks and challenges. For information concerning reservations and fees, please call 886-7912.



Get “moor” out of life

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web [www.leewardmarina.com](http://www.leewardmarina.com)

Set your course ( 37° 1' N 76° 27' W) for the Leeward Municipal Marina located on the Historic James River, at the base of the James River Bridge.

From this centralized location, you will find easy access to Hampton Roads Harbor and the Chesapeake Bay.

Hours of Operation		
8AM — 5PM • MON — SUN	NOV — APR	
7AM — 7PM • MON — SUN	MAY — OCT	
Amenities		
• 200 wet slips	• Diesel and unleaded fuel	• 3 protective concrete seawalls
• Picnic area with grill	• Sewage pump-out facility	• Water and electrical hook-ups
• Floating docks	• Daily, monthly and annual slips	• Fish cleaning station

## Park Programs

Programs will be presented at Newport News Park unless otherwise noted. Programs are free (unless indicated by \$) and open to the general public.

### BIRD WALKS

**Every first and third Sunday of the month at 7:00 a.m.**  
The Hampton Roads Bird Club has monitored the bird population of Newport News Park since 1965! Join club members in the Picnic Area 1 parking lot for some early morning birding. Be prepared to car pool to different areas of the park. Beginners are welcome. Binoculars and field guides recommended.

### STORY & A WALK

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.**  
For pre-school children and their caregivers. We'll share a story at the Newport News Park Discovery Center then take a short walk to look for things we just read about. Dress for the weather.

### PINE CONE BIRD FEEDERS

**Saturday, March 7 at 11:00 a.m. – Newport News Park**  
Meet at the Discovery Center for a fun activity for the birds. Make a feeder to take home with you!

### ANIMAL TRACKS

**Saturday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m. – Newport News Park**  
A park naturalist will show you how to identify what creatures have been sneaking around in your back yard.

### PARK DAY VOLUNTEER EVENT

**Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.-Noon**  
We're looking for volunteers to help spruce up Newport News Park. Join us, and groups across the country for a national effort called Park Day. Call 757-886-7912 to sign up. Visit [www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day/](http://www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day/) for information.

### ARCHERY SAFETY

**March 4, March 22, April 12, April 23, May 17, May 27, June 11, June 28, July 12, July 22, August 13, & August 23.**  
A park ranger will present this one -hour presentation to teach general archery safety tips and discuss rules and regulations specific to Newport News Park. Please call 888-3333 for program times and to register for this training class. Meet at the Campsite Activity Building.

Parks Division

Parks & Nature Centers  
Park Programs • Marina

Park Programs, cont'd.

BATTLE OF DAM NO.1 WALKING TOUR

**Wednesday, April 16th - Newport News Park at 3:00 p.m.**  
Walk the hallowed grounds of the Union Army’s only assault on General John Magruder’s Warwick River Lines. Tour begins at the Discovery Center parking lot.

TREE I.D.

**Saturday, April 25th at 3:00 p.m. – Newport News Park Discovery Center**  
Take a leisurely walk with a park naturalist to learn how to identify some of the trees native to the Peninsula.

MOTHER’S DAY NATURE CRAFT

**Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 a.m. – Newport News Park Discovery Center**  
Make something “natural” for mom by exploring things found outdoors to use for crafts.

CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS

**Saturday, May 2nd, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Newport News Park**  
Children’s activities, make and take crafts, entertainment, displays, food vendors and fun for all ages. Free admission. Parking fee.

FRIDAY NIGHT ADVENTURES

**Every Friday beginning May 22nd through September 5th at 8:00 p.m.**  
Meet a park naturalist to discover facts about some of the park’s natural and historical features. Programs include nature walks, video presentations and/or hands-on activities. Topics include beavers, snakes, owls, bats and other creatures inhabiting the park. Call 886-7916 for weekly topic description and location.

- May 22 – Sights & Sounds of the Night (7:30 p.m.)

May 29 – Busy Beavers

June 5 – Civil War Stories

June 12 – Oh Deer

June 19 – Water’s Edge

June 26 – Eye See You

July 3 – Patriotic Stories

July 10 – Evening Walk
- July 17 – Bats!

July 24 – Night Hike

July 31 – Who’s There?

August 7 – Oh Deer!

August 14 – Night Noises

August 21 – Stargazing (8:30 p.m.)

August 28 – Campfire Sing Along!

September 4 – Native American Stories

DISCOVERY HOUR

**Every Saturday, May 16th through August 30th at 11:00 a.m.**  
Discover special facts about the wildlife living in our area, find fun activities in the parks, and meet new friends while learning about our natural environment. Most programs begin at the Discovery Center, and may include crafts, games or nature walk for the whole family. Call 886-7916 for topic information.

CAMPIN’ KIDS

**Every Saturday, May 23rd through September 5th at 4:00 p.m.**  
Meet at the Campsite Activity Building for a variety of fun afternoon activities lead by a park naturalist.

- May 16 – Nature Games

May 23 – Junior Rangers

May 30 – Animal Tracks

June 6 – Stream Safari

June 13 – Creative Crafts

June 20 – Nature Walk

June 27 – Dangers in the Wild

July 4 – Turtle Talk

July 11 – Basic Geocaching (begins at 9:00 a.m.- Meet at Campsite Office)
- July 18 – Dangers of the Wild

July 25 – Leaping Lizards

August 1 – Birds of Prey

August 8 – Junior Rangers

August 15– Wildlife Walk

August 22 – Orienteering (begins at 9:00 a.m.- Meet at Campsite Office)

August 29 – Nature Scavenger Hunt

September 5 – Creative Crafts

HAYRIDES in the Campground

**Every Saturday night, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend 7pm, 8pm and 9pm**  
Enjoy park interpretation and discussion on this 40 minute ride through the campground and bikeway. Complimentary tickets are available at the Campsite Office 30 minutes prior to each ride. Space is limited. All participants must be present to receive a ticket.

KING-LINCOLN PARK DAY

**Saturday, June 6th at King-Lincoln Park, Noon-5pm**  
Enjoy a family fun festival including games, inflatable activities, food vendors and entertainment.

BASIC GEOCACHING

**Saturday, July 11th from 9:00 a.m.– Newport News Park Campground**  
A park naturalist will be at the Campsite Office in Newport News Park at 9am to introduce you to geocaching. Newport News Park has over 50 hidden caches! Bring hand-held GPS if you have one.

JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITY BOOKLETS

Newport News Parks Division Junior Ranger Activity Booklets are available at the Newport News Park Discovery Center. Upon completion of the activities, kids will earn a Junior Ranger certificate.

PARKS & NATURE CENTERS  
HOURS OF OPERATION

Parks

Daily • SUNRISE – SUNSET *unless otherwise posted*

Newport News Park Discovery Center

MARCH & APRIL – WEEKENDS ONLY, 10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.

MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER - TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.

King-Lincoln Park Interpretive Center

Memorial Day through Labor Day- Weekends only, Noon- 6:00 P.M.

Riverview Farm Park Visitor Center

by appointment (call 886-7912 for information)

Newport News Park Campsite Office

MARCH & APRIL - DAILY, 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M

MAY THROUGH OCTOBER - SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 7:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.

AND FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M.



RANGERS & NATURALISTS

are available for program presentations. To schedule a specialized program for your class or organized group, please call 886-7912.

PROGRAM FEE		
1-50	participants	\$10.00
51-250	participants	\$15.00
251-500	participants	\$25.00
+500	participants	\$50.00